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Applicant: Robert A. Murgita

Art Unit: 1645

Serial No.: 08/879,469

Examiner: S. Gucker

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Title: RECOMBINANT HUMAN ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN AS A CELL
PROLIFERATIVE AGENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced case, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-~~18~~ and ~~22-24~~ without prejudice.